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SUBJECT: INTERIOR MESA FIVE MAN TASK FORCE

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1. MINISTRY OF MINING AND POWER INDICATES FOLLOWING MINES WITH STEEPLY PITCHED COAL SEAMS, ALL IN LOWER SILESIA COAL BASIN, NOW IN OPERATION: GLIWICE; NOWA RUDA; VICTORIA AND SOSNICA. SEAMS VARY FROM .8 METERS TO 2.2 METERS WITH ANGLE OF PITCH BETWEEN 40 AND 50 DEGREES.

2. MECHANIZED EQUIPMENT IN NARROW SEAM MINES PRIMARILY OF SOVIET ORIGIN; WIDE SEAM MINES HAVE SPECIAL DAMMING AND SUPPORT SYSTEMS MANUFACTURED IN POLAND.

3. MINISTRY INDICATES SCHEDULE OF TASK FORCE VISIT NOVEMBER 15 THROUGH 22 IS POSSIBLE. HOWEVER, THEY POINT OUT THAT FULL MECHANIZATION OF THE SOSNICA MINE, WHICH WILL PRESENT THE MOST ADVANCED MECHANIZATION, WILL NOT BE COMPLETE BEFORE FIRST QUARTER 1976. MINISTRY SUGGESTS TASK FORCE DELAY VISIT IF POSSIBLE UNTIL THEN TO OBTAIN FULL PICTURE OF STATE OF ART OF THIS TYPE OF MECHANIZATION IN POLAND. PLEASE ADVISE.

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